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Greetings and welcome to our first CoA/CO newsletter!! With Caucus around the corner, we thought we would highlight and provide resources for you to get up to speed. But first, we want to encourage you to create an account (if you have not already done so) at www.CauseOfAmerica.org Click [here](#) to register.

CAUCUS

♦Caucus – It's Not Just an Unpleasant-Sounding Word

Years ago, although “caucus” sounded like a medical term for something disgusting, I attended my precinct caucus because a neighbor told me it was my civic duty and was a powerful way to influence the direction our country was going. Yeah, right. It was hard to find the place, it took time I didn't have on a snowy evening I didn't want to go out on, and the political process seemed slightly less responsive than a brick wall. And I got talked into signing up as delegate to the county and state assembly, which cost money I didn't have. At the county assembly the guy running for county clerk had a sincere smile and seemed nice, so I voted for him – and later I learned he was one of the people who brought Dominion to Colorado. At the state assembly I was expected to spend all day cheering and listening to speeches; voting seemed to be just to confirm what was already preordained. I had wasted a day away from my family; I resolved never to do that again. Obviously there were people in the party who had power, and obviously I wasn't one of them. So I left the party.

Fast-forward to two years ago. Family and friends who went to the state assembly told me it was quite different – it MATTERED. Well, almost. The state chairman had one idea how things were going to go, but the delegates had their own ideas. They demanded grassroots speakers be heard, roared disapproval when attempts were made to silence them, and tried to get paper ballots instead of a barely functional and completely opaque voting method. Even against these obstacles, the grassroots candidates did best by far. (The open primaries took away that victory. But that's another story.) The whole process felt different now that the grassroots was involved and demanding action. State assembly was no longer just a social event – but still, the major decisions had clearly been made elsewhere.

And then I found out where – the party leadership, and it all started at the local level. And it's not hard to take charge of those party decisions. You need a group of like-minded people, and you need to move into strategic positions in the party, starting with the precinct leader (PL) or precinct committeeperson (PCP) or precinct captain (PC). Whatever it gets called, it's the lowest level of party leadership, and a whole lot of the positions are unfilled and can be had for the asking. These are the people who vote on who leads the county, and the county people vote on who's who in the state, and the state people vote on who's who at the national level. Does that still sound a bit removed from power? It's not. Picture what you'll get if you vote for a county chairman who enthusiastically supports good school board candidates...compared to one who undermines and stabs them in the back! It's hard to get good people to run when their own party keeps forgetting to mention them, or introduces them as “and here's Mr. Jones, representing our party I guess, and who we hope can somehow overcome the INCREDIBLE POPULARITY OF his opponent MR.

SMITH!” If that’s the attitude of your county chairman, you can guess who they will install at the party’s state and national level.

Most people only see the candidates, in the fall, but the real work is done much earlier by the people who become party leaders and who show up. They are the structure the campaigns depend on, and trying to run good candidates without that structure is like trying to build a house with rotten two-by-fours.

So don’t be put off as I was – caucus is the start of the real power in the political process. Watch that the power doesn’t end up in the hands of corrupt people.

♦**What Happens At A Precinct Caucus?** Caucus attendees elect officers who will be responsible for organizing political activities within the precinct. Caucus attendees also elect delegates and alternates to represent the precinct at the political party's county or district convention.

♦**More on Caucus from MyColoradoGOP:** <https://mycoloradogop.org/index.php/mygop-articles/246-project-2022-republican-caucus>

VOTER RESOURCES

♦**Find My Voter Registration** <https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml>

♦**Colorado Voter Registration Form:** <https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>

RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN COLORADO

♦**Proposed Initiative 117**

Takes away the Parties' processes of Precinct Caucus and County Assembly and State Assembly and starts Rank Choice Voting (RCV) in Colorado!! Audio Recording of Feb 7th Title Board Mtg: <https://csos.granicus.com/player/clip/430>

♦**Results for Proposed Initiative 117:**

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/results/2023-2024/117Results.html>

GET MORE SOCIAL!

♦**Lunch & Learn on X/Twitter Spaces:** Hosted by Phenomenology (@berryrazi) and Cause of America (@CauseAmerica) on Tuesdays at 12p MT. Engage with election industry experts, gain insights, experiences, and community action strategies. New speakers featured each week!

♦**Frank Social:** Click [here](#) to join or login to Frank Social to access the new “Groups” feature as well as follow “Cause of America/Colorado” under “Elections”.

ELECTION CALENDAR

- ♦ Super Tuesday, Mar 5th
- ♦ Precinct Caucuses, Mar 7th
- ♦ County Assemblies (various dates)
- ♦ CO State Assembly, Apr 6th
- ♦ CO Primary Election, Jun 25th
- ♦ General Election Ballots mailed, Oct 11th
- ♦ General Election Day, Nov 5th

